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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Timm, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1762
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 For : **STERILIZATION OF**)
BIOACTIVE COATINGS)
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 Examiner : Michener, Jennifer Kolb)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Table 2 on page 13 of the specification has been amended as follows:

Table 2: Comparison to other sterilization methods

Exposure Technique	% Atoms on Surface Detected by XPS after PBS challenge	
	O/C*	S^
Gamma sterilization (5 Mrad)	0.1	0.04
e-beam sterilization (5 Mrad)	0.13	0.04
STERRAD	0.40	0.26

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